

Broadview/Bitter Lake/Haller Lake Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)

MEETING SUMMARY

August 10, 2011 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Bitter Lake Community Center

Attendees

NAC Members:

Darryl Bennett , Gloria Butts, Greg Brotherton, Joseph Monda, Philip Junkins, Sue Jensen

Community Members: Richard Dyksterhuis, Pat McCoy

Partners: John Owen (Makers)

City Staff: Nora Liu (DPD), David Goldberg (DPD), Sebhat Tenna, Thomas Whittemore (DON), Darby Watson, (SDOT)

Update on Consultant Selection Process (by David Goldberg, DPD)

- Sue and Wayne have been working with David on the process of hiring consultant service with the \$30,000 in the budget.
- The scope of work has been forwarded to the following three consulting firms, all familiar with the process and have worked on projects with the city before: Community Assets (Lead – Chris Mefford), Property Counselors (Lead – Greg Easton), and Heartland (Lead – Chris Fiori).
- Selection/findings discussion can be held online.

Update on Linden Avenue and New Repaving projects in the Neighborhood (by David)

- Linden Ave has undergone the Complete Street process. There are a variety of conditions along the street, including different types of parking, swales, etc.
- NAC can make recommendations to SDOT regarding rights-of-way that are not currently in use.
- Construction is scheduled to begin in 2012 and completed in the first quarter of 2013.
- Work on N 143rd relates to extruded curb being installed along the street between Palatine NW and Linden Ave N.
- Information on both projects is available under Neighborhood Projects on SDOT's website at the following link: <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/nbprojects.htm>

Complete Streets Discussion (by Darby Watson, SDOT)

- Complete Streets is an ordinance passed by Council in 2007 requiring balance of different modes of transportations on streets including pedestrian, bicycles, freight, and cars.

- Ordinance is applied to projects over \$500,000 and Master Plans exist for most modes of transportation in the city.
- N. 143rd Street is currently going through the check list process that is developed for Neighborhood Street Fund projects to be sure ordinance requirements are met.
- NAC member asked how Green Streets and street trees fit into complete street model.
 - Darby stated both of these are included. SDOT uses Bands of Green, developed by the Parks Foundation, in addition to the Urban Forestry Plan to determine where to plant trees.
- NAC member asked if Neighborhood Plan had any effect on Complete Streets.
 - Darby responded she always consults the plans in the process.
- NAC member asked if Linden was a freight street.
 - Darby stated it is not. There are specific criteria related to freight streets, basically streets used to transport goods from port to rail.

Review and Provide Guidance on Draft Land Use and Urban Design Strategies (by John Owen, Makers)

- John provided updated graphics showing existing conditions and proposed changes focused on 3rd Ave, Greenwood Ave, 125th, 130th, 145th and Meridian. Proposals are being reviewed by SDOT.
- NAC members broke out into two groups for discussion and provide feedback on proposals. Nora reminded the group to remember back to community feedback received on these streets.
- Groups reported out:
 - Generally in favor of bike lanes, asphalt sidewalks.
 - Noted bike lanes had already been added on portions of 130th.
 - Bicycle Master Plan recommends bike lanes on both 125th and 130th.
 - Would like to see curbs and gutters along 130th up to 3rd Ave.
 - Wanted increased pedestrian safety on 3rd and possibly allow parking.
 - On Greenwood Ave, liked continuous sidewalks, curbs and gutters; preferred 4-lanes, as opposed to 5 lane configuration and would like to see more street trees planted.
 - Would like to see 145th and Greenwood improved to look more like an entryway.
- NAC will continue work on hamlets, Greenwood Avenue and Linden Avenue.
- Nora stated that community input indicated that town center and Linden Ave/Complete Streets were top priorities. Work on Aurora will entail more effort and time than the NAC has to give as it encompasses street projects and land use issues.

- Using a large map, John described findings from the tour the NAC members took at last meeting:
 - NAC recommendation for Linden is retail from 130th to 135th and more residential further north. Parking would be underneath or to the rear of retail and residential buildings.
 - John will begin looking at zoning issues/possible changes to accommodate the group's vision. Also looking to accommodate pedestrian passageway. He will bring proposed design guidelines to the next meeting.

Public Comment

- Need a crosswalk at the Cambridge Housing, across from the community center.
 - Nora stated that the work on Linden does include a crosswalk at that location during the first phase of construction.

Wrap-Up

- Engaging businesses:
 - Each NAC member is asked to connect with business owners they know to get them engaged and take survey.
 - NAC member stated that City would be better able to connect with large number of businesses to get them engaged. Nora stated NAC members only need to reach out to businesses they know, City will do broader outreach.
 - Sebhat asked that NAC members send him information on who they contacted.
- Seattle Police Department:
 - Nora will make arrangements with SPD to attend next NAC meeting.
 - NAC member stated discussion of "hot spot" findings would be interesting.
- Announcement:
 - Edmond Ryan sends his thanks and best wishes to the NAC as he moved to Tacoma. Need to recruit renters to serve on the NAC.
 - The Comp Plan is being updated. A survey is available online for NAC members to take the survey and encourage others to do so as well.
- Community would like notice of any hearings regarding land use/businesses etc in the area.
- NAC member followed up on a previous request for written updates/feedback from departments that had come to NAC meetings and those who had not ~~yet~~ attended.